

**COLUMBIA HEIGHTS WATER DISTRICT**  
**Columbia, Louisiana**

**Annual Financial Statements**

**As of and for the Year Ended**  
**December 31, 2006**

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**Independent Accountant's Report**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS WATER DISTRICT  
Columbia, Louisiana**

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Columbia Heights Water District, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Columbia Heights Water District.

My review was conducted in accordance with *Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services* issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. A review consists principally of inquiries of Columbia Heights Water District personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, I have issued a report dated June 7, 2007, on the results of my agreed-upon procedures.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 5 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Such information has not been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, but was compiled from information that is the representation of management, without audit or review. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the supplementary information.

/s Carleen Dumas  
Calhoun, Louisiana  
June 7, 2007

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COLUMBIA HEIGHTS WATER DISTRICT  
Columbia, Louisiana

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Our discussion and analysis of Columbia Heights Water District's (hereafter referred to as the District) financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements that begin on page 7.

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, provides that special-purpose governments engaged only in business-type activities should present only the financial statements required for enterprise funds. For these governments, basic financial statements and required supplemental information (RSI) consist of :

- a. Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A)
- b. Statement of net assets
- c. Statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets
- d. Statement of cash flows
- e. Notes to the financial statements
- f. RSI other than MD&A, if applicable

The Columbia Heights Water District is a special-purpose government engaged only in business-type activities.

**Enterprise Fund Financial Statements**

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets provide information in a way that shows the change in the District's financial condition resulting from the current year's activities. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most businesses. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the District's *net assets* and the changes in them. Net assets - the difference between assets (what the District owns) and liabilities (what the District owes) is a way to measure the financial position of the District. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net assets are an indicator of whether the District's financial position is improving or deteriorating.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
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The Statement of Cash Flows provides information on the changes in cash during the year. This statement reports the net cash provided or used by operating activities, capital and related financing activities, and investing activities.

**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF  
FINANCIAL DATA**

The District's total net assets increased by \$4,337 during 2006. Operating revenues increased \$11,790 primarily due to an increase in water sales in 2006. Operating expenses increased \$6,635 primarily due to the net effect of a \$26,189 decrease in depreciation expense and a \$40,099 increase in maintenance and repairs expense. The District repainted four tanks at a cost of \$31,100 and also cleaned debris from the district's property at a cost of \$5,250. The following presents an analysis of net assets and changes in net assets of the District's business-type activities:

	<b>BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES</b>	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets	\$465,463	\$471,090
Restricted assets	60,787	65,964
Capital assets	<u>115,380</u>	<u>126,672</u>
Total assets	<u>641,630</u>	<u>663,726</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current liabilities	96,001	109,322
Long-term liabilities	<u>178,000</u>	<u>191,111</u>
Total liabilities	<u>274,001</u>	<u>300,433</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	(75,309)	(89,530)
Restricted for debt service	60,787	65,964
Unrestricted	<u>382,151</u>	<u>386,859</u>
Total net assets	<u>367,629</u>	<u>363,293</u>
Operating revenues	211,228	199,438
Operating expenses	206,674	200,039
Non-operating revenues (expenses)	(217)	(9,890)
Change in net assets	4,337	(10,491)
Net assets - beginning	<u>363,292</u>	<u>373,784</u>
Net assets - ending	<u>\$367,629</u>	<u>\$363,293</u>

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Columbia, Louisiana  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

**OVERALL FINANCIAL POSITION**

The District's change in net assets was a \$4,337 increase. Unrestricted net assets ( those assets available to finance the daily operations of the district) were \$382,151 at year end. The amount of net assets restricted for debt service was \$60,787. The amount invested in capital assets, net of related debt was (\$75,309) at year end.

**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT**

**Capital Assets**

At the end of the year, the District had capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) totaling \$115,380. Capital assets include land, the water system and equipment costing \$1,000 or more. There were no additions or deletions to capital assets during 2006. Additional information about the District's capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

**Debt**

At year end the District had \$190,689 in revenue bonds payable. Interest expense on these bonds was \$10,090 for 2006. Additional information about the District's debt is presented in Note 5 to the financial statements.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS**

The board of directors have been discussing ways to increase revenue in 2007. The District anticipates that operating expenses will remain fairly constant for 2007.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Statement A****COLUMBIA HEIGHTS WATER DISTRICT**  
Columbia, Louisiana**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
December 31, 2006**ASSETS**

## Current assets:

Cash	\$68,741
Investments	359,977
Accounts receivable - water sales (net)	<u>36,745</u>
Total current assets	<u>465,463</u>

## Noncurrent assets:

Restricted cash	60,787
Property, plant and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>115,380</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>176,167</u>
Total assets	<u>641,630</u>

**LIABILITIES**

## Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	20,064
Accrued interest payable	5,239
Current portion of long-term debt	12,689
Customer deposits	<u>58,009</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>96,001</u>

## Noncurrent liabilities:

Long-term debt - revenue bonds payable	<u>178,000</u>
Total liabilities	<u>274,001</u>

**NET ASSETS**

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	(75,309)
Restricted for debt service	60,787
Unrestricted	<u>382,151</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$367,629</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.



**Statement B****COLUMBIA HEIGHTS WATER DISTRICT**  
Columbia, Louisiana**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND  
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006**OPERATING REVENUES**

Water sales	\$195,083
Installation fees	2,090
Delinquent fees	7,834
Other revenue	6,221
Total revenues	<u>211,228</u>

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Commissioners fees	4,200
Sales tax	2,368
Accounting and audit	2,331
Maintenance and repairs	45,477
Materials and supplies	27,507
Labor	930
Office expense	3,496
Utilities	22,070
Insurance	28,737
Salaries and payroll taxes	48,963
Collections expense	2,532
Truck and gas expense	4,347
Depreciation	11,292
Other operating expenses	2,424
Total operating expenses	<u>206,674</u>

**OPERATING INCOME**4,554**NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)**

Interest income	9,873
Interest expense	<u>(10,090)</u>
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	<u>(217)</u>

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**

4,337

**NET ASSETS - BEGINNING**363,292**NET ASSETS - ENDING**\$367,629

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Receipts from customers	\$206,222
Customer deposit receipts, net	1,329
Payments to suppliers	(147,461)
Payments to employees and board members	(49,665)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>10,425</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Principal paid on capital debt	(25,513)
Interest paid on capital debt	(10,405)
Decrease in restricted cash	5,177
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(30,741)</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

Interest income	9,873
Increase in investments	(11,419)
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>(1,546)</u>

**NET DECREASE IN CASH** (21,862)

**CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR** 90,603

**CASH AT END OF YEAR** \$68,741

**Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash****Provided by Operating Activities**

Operating Income	<u>\$4,554</u>
Adjustments:	
Depreciation	11,292
Increase in accounts receivable	(4,815)
Decrease in accounts payable	(1,935)
Increase in customer deposits	1,329
Total adjustments	<u>5,871</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$10,425</u></u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report.

**COLUMBIA HEIGHTS WATER DISTRICT**  
Columbia, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**INTRODUCTION**

The Columbia Heights Water District was created by the Caldwell Parish Police Jury as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:3811 for the purpose of supplying safe drinking water to the population of the district. The district is governed by a five member board appointed by the police jury. Columbia Heights Water District commissioners receive \$60 per meeting attended. The district serves approximately 662 customers and has two part-time employees.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the Columbia Heights Water District is considered a component unit of the Caldwell Parish Police Jury. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements maybe included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as a discrete component unit.

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Financial Statements**

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**B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and  
Financial Statement Presentation**

Enterprise fund statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the enterprise fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The Columbia Heights Water District has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

Enterprise funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the fund's principal ongoing operation. The operating revenues of the Columbia Heights Water District are water sales, installation fees and other miscellaneous operating revenues. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the costs of the services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

**C. Deposits and Investments**

Cash includes amounts in interest-bearing and non-interest bearing demand deposits. State law allows the district to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government-backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government-backed securities. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. At December 31, 2006, the district's investments consist of nonnegotiable certificates of deposits with original maturities that exceed 90 days that are reported in the accompanying financial statements at cost.

**D. Receivables**

Receivables for water sales are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts. The allowance is an estimate based on the amount of receivables that are past due and the amount collected in the month following the month billed.

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**E. Restricted Assets**

Certain resources set aside for the repayment of revenue bonds are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by the debt agreement.

**F. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include land, the water system, and equipment are reported in the enterprise fund financial statements. All of the district's capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. The Columbia Heights Water District maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized.

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Infrastructure - Water system	25 years
Equipment	5 - 10 years

**G. Long-term Obligations**

Long-term debt such as revenue bonds payable are reported as liabilities in the statement of net assets.

**H. Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures, and revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**2. DEPOSITS IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

At December 31, 2006, the district has cash and investments (book balances) as follows:

Non-interest bearing checking accounts	\$68,509
Interest bearing checking account	232
Interest bearing savings accounts	60,787

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Investments - certificates of deposit	<u>359,977</u>
Total	<u>\$489,505</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At December 31, 2006, the Columbia Heights Water District has \$505,770 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$187,203 of federal deposit insurance and \$436,064 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the district that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

### 3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

At December 31, 2006, the district has net receivables of \$36,745 as follows:

Water sales	\$42,358
Allowance for uncollectible accounts	<u>(5,613)</u>
Net receivables	<u>\$36,745</u>

### 4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, is as follows:

	Balance at January 1, 2006	Increases	Decreases	Balance at December 31, 2006
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	<u>\$57,489</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$57,489</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Water system	\$992,133			\$992,133
Equipment	<u>76,357</u>			<u>76,357</u>

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	Balance at January 1, 2006	Increases	Decreases	Balance at December 31, 2006
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>\$1,068,490</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$1,068,490</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Water system	957,529	2,506		960,035
Equipment	<u>41,778</u>	<u>8,786</u>		<u>50,564</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>999,307</u>	<u>11,292</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>1,010,599</u>
Total assets being depreciated, net	<u><u>\$69,183</u></u>	<u><u>(\$11,292)</u></u>	<u><u>NONE</u></u>	<u><u>\$57,891</u></u>

Depreciation expense of \$11,292 for the year ended December 31, 2006 was reported in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets.

**5. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

The following is a summary of long-term debt (revenue bonds payable) transactions for the year ended December 31, 2006:

Revenue bonds payable at January 1, 2006	\$216,202
Additions	NONE
Reductions	<u>(25,513)</u>
Revenue bonds payable at December 31, 2006	<u><u>\$190,689</u></u>

The following is a summary of the current (due in one year or less) and long-term (due in more than one year) portions of long-term obligations as of December 31, 2006:

Current portion	\$12,689
Long-term portion	<u>178,000</u>
Total	<u><u>\$190,689</u></u>

All outstanding debt at December 31, 2006, in the amount of \$190,689 are revenue bonds payable with maturities from 2007 until 2020 and 4.75% to 5% interest rates. Loan principal and interest payable in the next fiscal year are \$12,689 and \$9,612, respectively. The individual bonds are as follows:

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	<u>\$288,500</u>	<u>\$333,100</u>
	<u>Bonds</u>	<u>Bonds</u>
Original issue date	3/20/69	6/11/80
Interest rate	4.75%	5.00%
Final payment due	1/1/07	6/11/20
Interest to maturity	\$212	\$78,750
Principal outstanding	\$2,689	\$188,000
Funding source	Water revenue	Water revenue

The loans are due as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Principal Payments</u>	<u>Interest Payments</u>	<u>Total</u>
2007	\$12,689	\$9,612	\$22,301
2008	10,000	8,900	18,900
2009	10,000	8,400	18,400
2010	11,000	7,900	18,900
2011	11,000	7,350	18,350
2012 - 2016	66,000	27,800	93,800
2017 - 2020	<u>70,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>79,000</u>
Total	<u>\$190,689</u>	<u>\$78,962</u>	<u>\$269,651</u>

**6. RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

The bond covenants with the United States Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration for the long-term revenue bonds discussed in note 5 above, requires the district to establish the following reserve accounts:

- A. A "Sinking Fund". The district transfers 1,646 into this fund each month. Such transfers will be fully sufficient to assure the prompt payment of principal and interest installments as they become due and may be used only for such payments.
- B. A "Reserve Fund". This fund may be used only for the payment of maturing bonds and interest coupons for which sufficient funds are not on deposit in the Sinking Fund and as to which there would otherwise be default.
- C. A "Depreciation Fund". The district transfers into this fund \$274 each month. Money in this fund may be used for the purpose of paying the cost

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of extraordinary repairs or replacements which are necessary to keep the system in operating condition and for which money is not available in the maintenance and operation fund. Money in this fund may also be used to pay principal and interest on the bonds at any time there is not sufficient funds in the other bond funds.

At December 31, 2006, the district has set aside \$60,787 to meet the reserve requirements. These deposits are reported as restricted cash on the district's statement of net assets.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The district purchases commercial insurance to reduce the risk of loss resulting from property damage or liability claims. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year. Settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES**

See accountant's report.

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**COMPENSATION PAID COMMISSIONERS**

The schedule of compensation paid to commissioners is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:3819, Columbia Heights Water District commissioners receive \$60 per meeting attended.

**STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

The follow-up and corrective action taken on all prior year findings is presented in Schedule 2.

**CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND  
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

The corrective action plan for current year findings is presented in Schedule 3.

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SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION PAID COMMISSIONERS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

G.H. Childress	\$840
Ronnie Darden	840
Marshall Davis, Jr.	840
Jon McClanahan	840
Mike McDonald	<u>840</u>
Total	<u>\$4,200</u>

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STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

<u>Reference Number</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred</u>	<u>Description of Finding</u>	<u>Corrective Action Taken</u>	<u>Planned Corrective Action</u>
2005-1	2005	<i>Inadequate segregation of accounting duties.</i>	N/A	See current year findings.

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COLUMBIA HEIGHTS SEWERAGE  
DISTRICT NO.1  
Columbia, Louisiana

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND  
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

<u>Reference Number</u>	<u>Description of Finding</u>	<u>Corrective Action Planned</u>	<u>Name of Contact Person</u>	<u>Anticipated Completion Date</u>
N/A	Inadequate segregation of accounting duties.	It is not economically feasible to correct this deficiency based on the size of the district.	Gerald Childress, President	N/A

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**Independent Accountant's Report on Applying  
Agreed-Upon Procedures**

The following independent accountant's report on applying agreed upon procedures is presented in compliance with the requirements of the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*, issued by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

*M. Carleen Damas*

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**Independent Accountant's Report  
On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS WATER DISTRICT  
Columbia, Louisiana

I have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Columbia Heights Water District and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the district's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2006 included in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

**Public Bid Law**

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$20,000, or public works exceeding \$100,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

A review was made of all disbursements for the year. There were no disbursements for materials and supplies exceeding \$20,000 nor were there any disbursements for public works exceeding \$100,000 made during the year.

**Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees**

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided me with the required list including the noted information.

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3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

Management provided me with the required list.

4. Determine whether any of the employees included in the listing obtained from management in procedure number 3 above were also included in the listing obtained from management in procedure number 2 above as immediate family members.

None of the employees included on the list of employees provided by management in agreed-upon procedure (3) was also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as an immediate family member.

**Budgeting**

5. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

The district is not legally required to adopt a budget.

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

See procedure 5.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more or if actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

See procedure 5.

**Accounting and Reporting**

8. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the period under examination and;

- (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to correct amount and payee;
- (b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account;
- (c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

An examination of six randomly selected disbursements disclosed the following:

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- (a) The six selected disbursements were supported by adequate documentation.
- (b) The six selected payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.
- (c) The six selected payments received approval from the proper authorities.

**Meetings**

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1-12 (the opening meetings law).

The public notices for meetings were posted as required by LSA-RS 42:7.

**Debt**

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

I examined all deposits for the period under examination and noted no proceeds that appeared to be from bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

**Advances and Bonuses**

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

A reading of the minutes of the board meetings and an examination of payroll records indicated no payments which may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

I was not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

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/s Carleen Dumas  
Calhoun, Louisiana  
June 7, 2007

### **Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire**

The accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire* has been completed by management and is included in this report as required by the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*.

M. Carleen Dumas, CPA  
369 Donaldson Road  
Calhoun, LA 71225

Mrs. Dumas,

In connection with your review of our financial statements as of December 31, 2006 and for the year then ended, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on information available to us as of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **PUBLIC BID LAW**

1. It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, LSA-RS Title 38:2212, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office.

Yes [ X ] No [ ] N/A [ ]

#### **CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

2. It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone which would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1101-1124.

Yes [ X ] No [ ] N/A [ ]

3. It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980 under circumstances which would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1119.

Yes [ X ] No [ ] N/A [ ]

## **BUDGETING**

4. We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-14) or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:34.

Yes [ X ] No [ ] N/A [ ]

## **ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING**

5. All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [ X ] No [ ] N/A [ ]

6. We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with LSA-RS 24:514, LSA-RS 33:463, and/or LSA-RS 39:92, as applicable.

Yes [ X ] No [ ] N/A [ ]

7. We have had our financial statements audited or compiled in accordance with LSA-RS 24:513.

Yes [ X ] No [ ] N/A [ ]

## **MEETINGS**

8. We have complied with the provisions of the Opening Meetings Law, LSA-RS 42:1-12.

Yes [ X ] No [ ] N/A [ ]

## **DEBT**

9. It is true that we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and LSA-RS 39:1410.60 - 1410.65.

Yes [ X ] No [ ] N/A [ ]

## ADVANCES AND BONUSES

10. It is true that we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, LSA-RS 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [ X ] No [ ] N/A [ ]

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance which may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.

/s/ Gerald Childress, President C.H.W.D.

Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Date